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FROM: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
REFERENCE: Request of the Director of 10 December 1952

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